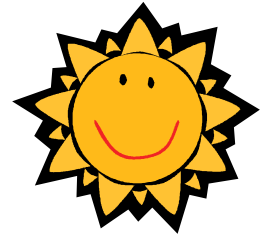




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DBE DESERT NEWS



A New Year, Big Changes DBE Supportive Services!!!

Since we have not published a newsletter in the last year or so we are going to go back through the past year and “catch” up in this issue.

In the past year, The DBE Supportive Services Program has seen many changes, some good and some great! The USDOT and Federal Highway Administration changes the way we do business with DBE’s, the ADOT Disparity Study gets launched, and Jamie, Tom and Eddie got promoted!!

We have introduced one-on-one business and technical management assistance to DBE firms. We are now assessing the DBE’s and determining how best to provide the type of assistance that most effectively suits their identified needs. We are calling this the ADOT DBE Business Development Program. In the last year and a half, we have provided assistance to over 15 firms, it should be more but it is a good start. We have seen the Super Bowl come and go, a number of DBE firms were actually awarded contracts and the Cinderella team won.

This year the annual DBE conference was changed from 2 days to just one. This was due to budget constraints...but it still did not miss a beat . It was a day full of events that were meant to bring DBE’s together with the primes to either start relationships or solidify old ones. Our other goal is to provide assistance in training so DBE’s can become self sufficient in their industry. We were pleased with the turn out this year, but we know there are so many more of you that we need to reach and get to participate. So, if you missed it this year we better see you there next year! Start planning now.

For more a quick story about the conference go to the following link:
http://www.azdot.gov/ccpartnerships/transend/PDF/May_2008.pdf

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DBE Supportive Services will be publishing the DBE Desert News quarterly. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact us @ (602) 712-7761 or rgonzales@azdot.gov

UPCOMING ADOT JOBS...

ADOT JOBS BIDDING: August 2008

8/8/2008

1. Location: Phoenix-Globe Hwy
Project # STP 060-D(200)A
Amount: \$12,131,000
2. Location: Rim Rock-Sedona Hwy (SR179)
Project # TEA 197-A(200)A
Amount: \$ 1,500,000
3. Location: Parker-Bullhead City Hwy(SR95)
Project #: 095-D-NFA
Amount: \$ 215,000
4. Location: Agua Fria Fwy(SR101L)
Project#: 101-A-NFA
Amount: \$ 3,000,000
5. Location: Gila Bend-Buckeye Hwy (SR85)
Project# NH-085-B(011)
Amount: \$ 30,500,000

8/22/2008

6. Location: Phoenix-Cordes Jct Hwy (I-17)
Project#: 017-A-NFA
Amount: \$26,500,000
7. Location: Parker-Bullhead City Hwy (SR95)
Project#: 095-D-NFA
Amount: \$ 450,000
8. Location: Phoenix-Wickenburg Hwy
Project#: 060-B-NFA
Amount: 7,525,000
9. Location: Cordes Jct-Flagstaff Hwy (I-17)
Project#: IM-017-B(002)A
Amount: \$ 10,000,000

8/28/2008

10. Location: ShowLow-McNary-Eager Hwy
Project #: TEA-260-C(005)A
Amount: \$ 767,000
11. Location: Superstition Fwy (US60)
Project#: 060-B-NFA
Amount: \$ 27,000,000

It would be a great idea to get with the Primes listed for these job...NOW!!!!



DOING BUSINESS WITH THE STATE WORKSHOPS:



When: September 18 time: TBD

Where: Pima Community College SBDC
401 N. Bonita
Tucson, AZ

Details: This workshop is designed to assist qualified small businesses through the maze of DBE certification. Also offered will be presenters from AZ State government offices to explain how to find and take advantage of business opportunities. Don't miss out on this free workshop. Seating is limited.

Hosted by: Pima Community College SBDC

For more info: (520) 206-6404 or email
sbdc@pima.edu

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

Minority and Woman-Owned Business EXPO

When: September 3, 2008

Where: Cocopah Casino Resort & Hotel, Yuma, AZ

Details: For more information contact Gonz at (602) 712-7761 or rgonzales@azdot.gov

3rd Annual DBE Networking Matchmaking Event

When: September 17, 2008

Where: Tucson Hilton

For more details: Call Joe Donato at (520) 731-8154

Tucson Minority Enterprise Development Week

When: September 17, 2008

Where: Hilton Tucson East 7600 E Broadway

Details: For info about MEDWeek in Tucson call the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce at (520) 620-0005

FOR MORE INFO ON CURRENTLY ADVERTISED PROJECTS VISIT:

http://www.azdot.gov/Highways/cns/phone_sheet.asp

TO VISIT ADOT'S ENGINEERING WEBSITE VISIT:

<http://www.azdot.gov/Highways/ECS/>



ADOT Civil Rights Office Gets New Leadership

**Eddie Edison, Administrator
Tom Moore, Dep. Administrator**

Since we are “catching up” in this issue of the newsletter, I decided to “re-introduce two gentlemen that have served in the Civil Rights Office since the early and mid-80’s.

In June 2007, when Lisa Wormington retired, it was clear that the Civil Rights Office needed a seamless change in leadership. Luckily, ADOT Management had no farther to look than right in house to find Eddie Edison, the Civil Rights Deputy Administrator and Lisa’s right hand man for over 20 years. Eddie was assigned in an acting capacity at that time. He was assigned permanently as the Civil Rights Administrator in November 2007.

During his tenure in the Civil Rights Office, first as an Equal Opportunity Specialist and then moving up to the Deputy position, Eddie learned and grew in one of the most difficult arenas in any agency, Equal Opportunity.

Eddie was charged by former Director of Transportation, Mary Peters to change the way the Civil Rights office did business on a day to day basis. He undertook the task with “Eddie-like” determination. Discrimination investigations became accurate and timely for which the organization received acclaim and...respect. The Supportive Services Program was brought in house to serve the DBE community in a more efficient manner and the Civil Rights Office as a whole also worked more effectively overall.

With Eddie moving up to the Administrator position, he needed a Deputy...the perfect fit was Tom Moore. Eddie and Tom have worked together for 20 years as well. Their modes of thinking fit hand in glove.

Tom Moore was with the State AG’s office before coming to ADOT and served as the Certification Program Manager until being assigned as the acting Deputy Administrator in June 2007 and then permanently in November 2007 as well.

Tom oversees the daily operations of the Civil Rights Office that includes the Supportive Services Program, the Certification Program, the ADA Program, the Title VI Program, the Contract Compliance Program and the Internal EEO Program.



If you happen to see them at an event, stop and say hello and let them know what a good job I am doing!!!

We wish them both luck and congratulations!

RESOURCES:

Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
(602) 279-1800
www.azhcc.com

Greater Phx Black Chamber of Commerce
(602) 307-5200
www.PhoenixBlackChamber.com

U.S. Small Business Administration
(602) 745-7200
www.sba.gov

Associated Minority Contractors of America
(602) 495-0026
www.amcaaz.com

AZ Dept. of Commerce
(602) 771-1196
www.azcommerce.com

City of Phoenix Equal Opportunity Dept.
(602) 256-4129
www.phoenix.gov

City of Tucson Equal Opportunity Dept.
(520) 791-4866
<http://www.tucsonaz.gov/eoo/>

Unified Certification Program
www.azdbe.com

BidSource
(602) 495-6492
www.bidsource.com

AZ Minority Business Enterprise Center
602-294-6087
www.azmbec.com

**Nat'l Association of Women Business Owners
(NAWBO)**
(602) 685-1197
www.nawbophx.org

AZ American Indian Chamber of Commerce
(602) 437-8729
www.aiccaz.org

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Jamie Got Promoted!!

After 5 years of putting up with me, Jamie Graves has gotten a reprieve on her sanity! Arriving in March of 2003 as the brand spankin' new DBE Supportive Services Specialist (a position that had just been created), Jamie was involved in every facet of the program; recruiting and certifying DBE's, coordinating the annual DBE conference, presenting contracting workshops, participating in business fairs and...making sure Gonz stayed in line! Thankfully, Jamie is not leaving ADOT, she accepted the position of DBE Certification Program Manager. She is now responsible for supervising the processing of new certification applications and updating and recertifying companies who are already certified and still eligible. Jamie's work ethic will be sorely missed, but we wish her all the luck in the world in her new position (she's been in it for almost a year now). I personally feel lucky to have worked alongside Jamie for over 5 years, first as her supervisor and now as her peer and hopefully her friend.



We wish her luck and Congratulations!!!!

Welcome New DBE's Congrats to DBE Program Graduates!!

New DBES

Barton Southwest Builders, Inc.

Robert Barton, President

HC 63 Box 207, Winslow, AZ 86047

Email: bartonswb@hughes.net

Residential and Commercial Building Construction

Jokake Electric, LLC

Jorge Garcia, Owner

7202 W. Sells Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85033

Email: admin@jokakeelectric.com

Electrical Contracting: Residential and commercial

AZ Docushred, LLC

Lisa R. Perez, Owner

P.O. Box 60276, Phoenix, AZ 85082

Email: lr.perez@azdocushred.com

Secure document destruction

Native American Journal

Ginger Buckendahl, Owner

1011 E Hillcrest Dr., Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Email: ginger@nativeamericanjournal.net

Publishing

Program Graduates

Ostrander Consulting

Amy Ostrander, President

1250 Humboldt St #1401, Denver, CO 80218

Transportation Planning

The Architecture Company

Richard Fe Tom, President

2625 N. Silverbell Rd., Tucson, AZ 85745

Architecture, construction management

Quality Testing, LLC

John Patterson, President

175 S. Hamilton Dr Bldg 6 #114, Gilbert, AZ 85233

Construction management

Recon, Inc

Judy Shafkind, President

3104 E. Camelback Rd #507,

Landscaping, reclamation, erosion control

Field Lining Systems

Phillip V. Ramos, President

439 S. 3rd Ave., Avondale, AZ 85323

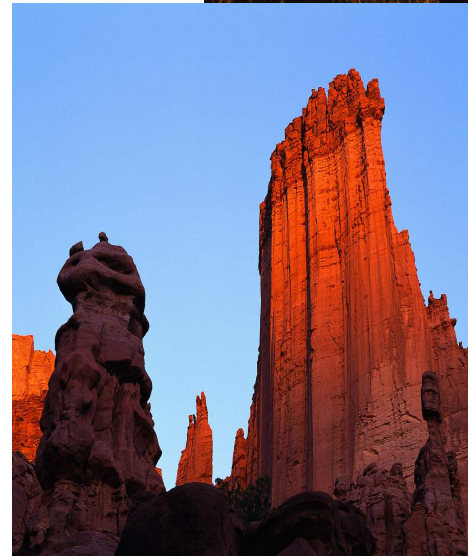
Supply & install geo-membrane lining, supply plastic pipe

Turner Laboratories

Nancy D. Turner, President

2445 N Coyote Dr. #104, Tucson, AZ 85745

Environmental Testing



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Don't Throw Away!!! DBE Newsletter

DBE Spotlight - Dine Nation Blading

Twenty-five years ago when Darryl Slim was 17 years old, a former boss in Flagstaff shipped him off to central Texas to operate heavy equipment for the cross-country pipeline. He arrived at the jobsite in the middle of nowhere, with just enough money to buy dinner. For the first 2 months he slept in his truck to save money, until he won \$10,000 in a heavy equipment competition. From that point on, he earned the respect of his much older peers, and mastered just about every Caterpillar machine in operation. In 2004, after many years as an employee, he opened his own grading business, Dine Nation Blading LLC. From its start as a single owner operator, Dine Nation has expanded to meet client needs and has worked for many large firms such as Rummel Construction, FNF, Nesbitt Contracting, JE Dunn and Herzog Contracting.

Dine Nation was certified by ADOT as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise in 2007. It has also been certified by the City of Phoenix as a Minority-owned Business Enterprise and as a Small Business Enterprise. Darryl's focus on quality, safety, speed and a fair price has won him much repeat business, but it is his ability to build relationships that makes him stand out in the construction community.

"My grandpa taught me long ago to treat all people with compassion and love. I care about the work I do, knowing that people with families travel on the roads I build. When you respect the earth and the people on it, your business does well."



Company: Dine Nation Blading.

Owner: Darryl Slim

Address: 7744 E. Albany St. Mesa, AZ 85207

Phone #: (480) 663-3252

Email: das@dinenationblading.com